



# INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

May 2007

***May 2-5, 2007 — Racial, Ethnic National Conference in Brooklyn, New York***

The conference provided a chance for staff to learn about what other states are doing in reference to disproportionality and some of the various successful approaches they have taken in New York. Breakout sessions were very distinguished and full of insightful information. Sessions discussing the correlation of race and ethnicity provided not only the baseline for the conference but tied issues of discussion together in a tactful, un-bias, and non-offensive manner.

***May 7-8, 2007—Prevent Child Abuse Indiana Statewide Conference***

Representatives from the Indiana Disproportionality Committee presented the newly revised presentation to a room filled with diverse professionals. The presentation sparked a very engaged dialogue among the participants. Requests for presentations within their school districts and communities were plentiful. The conference was successful and covered an array of topics for professionals and parents. In addition to the representatives presenting at the conference, a preview of the Asante Children's Theatre skit sponsored by ICJI addressing child abuse and neglect was performed.

***May 15, 2007— Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)***

At this meeting ICJI staff arranged for IU CEEP to attend and present current project efforts. With efforts closely inline with one another it was imperative that all invested collaborators be aware of current projects so duplication of efforts would be avoided. At the next meeting it was recommended that persons working on analysis of JDAI information be present to provide an overview of what has been found and direction in which information will be taken. The main directive of ICJI staff is to bridge the gap between JDAI and other statewide efforts although JDAI is solely Marion County based.

*Limited DMC Outreach activity for the month of May was as a result of redirection of efforts by executive management to meet youth division's grant cycle deadlines and agency move .*

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